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PU RESULTS

81.1% is a new record

Success stories reveal that focus, goal-oriented approach helped toppers to excel

Toppers celebrate after the PU exam results were declared, in Bengaluru on Wednesday

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The PU exams created a new record with 81.1 pc of students passing the exams. Hubballi's Vidyalakshmi, the Science topper with 598 out of 600 marks, told Mirror, "I never expected to get such high marks, but I was confident. I aimed for 595 and above, anticipating some deductions in language-related sections. My principal personally congratulated me, and I'm now focused on preparing for NEET to study medicine." She credited her success to consistent after-class study sessions of four to five hours, maintaining perfect attendance, and taking school tests seriously. "My parents sacrificed their personal time for my studies, and my faculty's support was crucial. I didn't use extra books; college textbooks and full attention in class were my strategies. Last year, my senior ranked third. I'm thrilled that our college has now secured the top rank," she added.

Medha D, an Arts topper from Bengaluru with an impressive score of 596 out of 600, expressed her surprise and joy, saying, "It was a sudden surprise when I received the call from college informing me about being the topper. Although I lost some marks in English, Sociology, and Economics, I aim to continue my studies in the psychology field. My goal is to bring societal change and promote happiness and peace. I feel regretful for losing those marks, but my focus is on making people realise that happiness and peace should be their ultimate goals." She credited her success to the creative teaching methods of her teachers and advised against placing excessive importance on marks for those who may have lost some. Additionally, Medha revealed her aspiration to enter civil services in the future.

Gnanavi M from Tumakuru, who scored an impressive 597 out of 600 in the II PU Commerce stream, expressed her determination to crack the CA foundation exams. She stated, "I have already cracked II PU commerce, and now CA foundation has to be cracked. I was confident as I had studied well for many months in advance."

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>
> –Vidyalakshmi, Science topper

Mother-daughter duo

Meanwhile, in Kodagu, an inspiring story unfolded as both mother and daughter appeared for the II PU exams and achieved success. Rinisha TS, who took the science stream, secured an impressive 570 out of 600 marks. Simultaneously, her mother Baby Rani, studying in the arts stream as a private candidate, scored 388 out of 600. What's noteworthy is Rinisha's remarkable performance in Kannada, where she scored 96, surpassing her mother's score of 93. Reflecting on their achievement, Rani said, "I am happy that my daughter outperformed me in the exams." She shared her journey, mentioning that she had completed her tenth standard studies 25 years ago but couldn't pursue further education due to personal commitments such as marriage and motherhood. However, with her daughter's encouragement, she decided to pursue II PU studies, and together they embarked on this academic journey, ultimately passing the exams side by side.

Exam count

The II PU examinations were conducted from March 1 to 22 across 1,124 examination centers throughout the state. The evaluation process took place at 70 centres, involving 27,650 evaluators, from March 25 to April 3. In total, 6,98,378 candidates appeared for the exams. Among them, 5,52,690 students successfully cleared the examination. This indicates a pass percentage of 81.15%, marking a 6.48% increase compared to the previous year when the pass rate stood at 74.67% in the 2023 exams. Breaking down the results further reveals that 84.59% of first-time candidates, 41.95% of repeaters, and 48.16% of private candidates passed the examinations. Looking at the performance across different streams, 68.36% of students passed in Arts, 80.94% in Commerce, and 89.96% in Science. Among the students, 81.10% of urban students and 81.31% of rural students passed the examinations. Moreover, 87.40% of students who studied in English medium passed, while 70.41% of those in Kannada medium achieved success.

Around 1,53,370 students excelled with distinction (scoring 85% and above), and an additional 2,89,733 students secured a first class (between 85% and 60%). Furthermore, 72,098 students obtained a second class (between 50% and 60%), while 37,489 students managed to secure a third class (50% to passing marks). The top marks of 100/100 were achieved by 6,960 students in Mathematics, while 5,925 students secured full marks in Biology. Additionally, 2,661 students excelled in computer science, 2,570 in Kannada, and 1,499 in Sanskrit.

District-wise

In terms of district-wise performance, Dakshina Kannada secured the highest pass percentage at 95.33%, followed closely by Udupi at 95.24%. Bengaluru South ranked sixth with 82.3% passes, and Bengaluru North was seventh at 82.25%. Gadag district was at the bottom of the table with a pass percentage of just 66.91%. Among the educational institutions, 91 Government PU colleges achieved 100% results, while two had zero passes. Twenty-six aided PU colleges also had 100% passes, with six having zero passes; around 345 unaided colleges achieved 100% passes, while 26 had zero passes. Additionally, one bifurcated PU college had a 100% pass rate, and another had zero percent pass rate.

As for specially-abled children, the pass rates were as follows: 38.33% for autistic children, 65% for cerebral palsy, 59.57% for hearing impairment, 65.06% for learning disability, 64.46% for locomotor impairment, 64.58% for mental retardation, 62.16% for multiple disabilities, 60.71% for speech impairment, and 79.19% for visually impaired children.

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As hoteliers demand regulation of roadside eateries, vendors push back, say street food is safe

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Thousands depend on Bengaluru's 30,000-odd roadside eateries for food/livelihood

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Hoteliers' Association (BBHA) has urged the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to regulate roadside eateries. This is not the first time that the BBHA is demanding BBMP rein in Bengaluru's roadside eateries.

In November 2022 and July 2023, the BBHA requested the BBMP to regulate the roadside eateries, claiming that 'most of them are functioning in unhygienic conditions'.

It is estimated that more than 30,000 roadside eateries are operational in the city — thousands of people depend on these eateries for livelihood.

Thousands of people depend on these eateries for food from breakfast to dinner including non-vegetarian food.

BBHA president PC Rao has been demanding the BBMP to regulate

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> **"Around 10,000 street vendors have availed training in maintaining roadside eateries**
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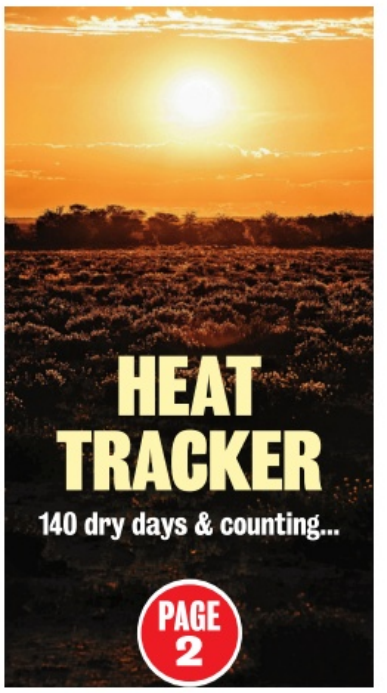
> — CE Rangaswamy, president, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee Street Vendors' Cell



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Scorching summer cries out for rain

Skymet predicts normal monsoon in the South, West, and Northwest regions

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Pre-monsoon showers are typically expected in the city in the days leading up to and following Ugadi. But forget about rain; not even dark clouds are visible in the sky. In fact, the sky is so clear that it actually reminds people of the months from November to January, when there is very little probability of rain.

"The long dry spell across Bengaluru has entered its 140th day. This session has lasted across seasons and two different years. The spell has seen winter, spring, and now summer. Usually, the continuous dry days in the city last only for 100 to 120 days. Not just Bengaluru, but the entire south interior Karnataka (SIK) areas of Mysuru, Hassan, Mandya, Ramanagara, Tumkuru, Kolar, and Chikkabalapura are also experiencing it. Though parts of the western SIK areas of Mysuru and Hassan might see rain later this week, Bengaluru is likely to wait longer. Hopefully the last 10 days of the month should be more beneficial to us," stated a tweet by Namma Karnataka weather updates on platform 'X'.

Now, the only hope is for the south-west monsoon. Last year, Skymet, a private weather forecaster, predicted that SW monsoons could be weak, and it turned out to be true. Now, before IMD, Skymet has once again made predictions for the 2024 monsoon. Skymet expects the upcoming monsoon to be 'normal' to the tune of 102% (with an error margin of +/- 5%) of the long-period average (LPA) of 868.6mm for the four-month long period from June to September. The spread of normal is 96–104% of LPA. In its earlier foreshadow released on January 12, 2024, Skymet assessed the monsoon 2024 to be 'normal' and retained the same.

Jatin Singh, managing director of Skymet, said, "El Nino is swiftly flipping over to La Nina. And monsoon circulation tends to be stronger during La Nina years. Also, the transition from Super El Nino to strong La Nina has historically tended to produce a decent monsoon. However, monsoon season may start with a risk of impairment, attributable to the remnant effects of El Nino. The second half of the season will have an overwhelming edge over the primal phase." Besides El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO), there are other factors influencing monsoons. The Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) has chronically steered monsoons to safety when in distress. A preliminary forecast of positive IOD this season will work in tandem with La Nina for better monsoon prospects. Notwithstanding, the start of the season is expected to be delayed on account of the quick transition from El Nino to La Nina. In terms of geographical prospects, Skymet expects sufficiently good rains in the South, West, and Northwest regions.

As temperature soars in the city, people are cooling down with coconut water and other beverages

According to Skymet, the monsoon probabilities for June to September are as follows: there's a 10% chance of excess rainfall, which means seasonal rainfall exceeding 110% of the Long Period Average (LPA); a 20% chance of above-normal rainfall, falling between 105 and 110% of LPA; a 45% chance of normal rainfall, ranging from 96 to 104% of LPA; a 15% chance exists for below-normal rainfall, which is between 90 and 95% of LPA; and a 10% chance of drought where seasonal rainfall is less than 90% of LPA.

> **"Monsoon season may start with a risk of impairment, attributable to the remnant effects of El Nino.** – Jatin Singh, MD, Skymet

"Breaking down the monthly precipitation forecast, for June, it's expected to be around 95% of LPA, with a 50% chance of normal rainfall, a 20% chance of above-normal, and a 30% chance of below-normal rainfall," Skymet added.

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Mother smothers 2 children to death, surrenders

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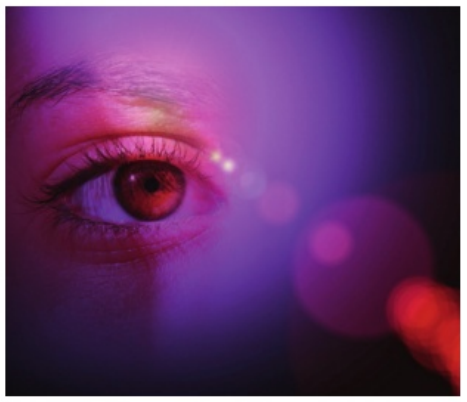
A mother of two tragically ended the lives of her children and surrendered to the police in Jalahalli on Wednesday. Gangadevi, 28, contacted the police control room around 1 am, reporting disturbances at her residence. When the police arrived and saw that there were no apparent issues, Gangadevi stunned authorities by confessing to the murder of her nine-year-old son, Gowtham, and her seven-year-old daughter, purportedly a victim of sexual abuse.

The lifeless bodies of the children were discovered on the bed, with Gangadevi admitting to suffocating them with a pillow.

The woman had been married to Naresh for a decade. Naresh, employed as a civic worker in Bengaluru, faced allegations of sexual abuse filed by Gangadevi on March 20, resulting in



his arrest under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012. He remains in judicial custody at Parappana Agrahara Central Prison.

According to a senior police official, Gangadevi's mental health deteriorated, exacerbated by the reported sexual abuse and her unstable employment situation.

Following her husband's arrest, concerns about providing for her children likely exacerbated her already fragile state. The family had celebrated the Ugadi festival at home on April 9, and Gangadevi disclosed to the police that she took the lives of her children while they slept around 12:30 am.

Assault case

The Kamakshipalya police investigating a severe assault case on April 3 in Sunkadakatte have revealed that the victim's coworker allegedly orchestrated a failed attempt to have him killed. Sridhar, 48, an associate of Chandrakanth at a private firm, along with Siddesh, 25, and Nitesh, 24, have been arrested in connection with the incident. Nitesh, employed at a local hotel, had previous records related to robbery and narcotics.

According to the police, Sridhar and Chandrakanth, once colleagues, had a falling out. Allegedly, Sridhar contracted Siddesh and Nitesh to carry out the killing, paying them Rs 1 lakh for the job.

The assailants attacked Chandrakanth while he was on his way home. Despite his cries for help, they fled the scene, leaving him injured but alive, police said.

3 killed in accident

Three young men on a motorcycle were killed after their vehicle collided with a mini transport vehicle in Rajagopalnagar on Wednesday. The men were said to be en route to a nearby market for Eid shopping on Tuesday night when the accident happened, leaving them grievously injured. The driver of the transport vehicle fled from the scene.

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Biz must mind its business outside residential locality

Whitefield residents complain about commercial activity, despite several directions

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The view of the 18-foot-wide, narrow road in the main residential zone, Outer Circle, Whitefield

Residents of the Inner and Outer Circles of Whitefield have complained about the commercial and non-residential activities in these areas and their crossroads, which are classified as residential main areas as per zoning laws. According to the residents, the original Whitefield settlement was planned in concentric circles: an Inner Circle that faced the village greens and an Outer Circle encircling the inner one. These concentric circles are part of the original and historic areas of Whitefield, and the narrow Inner and Outer Circle roads (between 18 and 25 feet wide) form the core of the original settlement.

As per specific amendments to the zoning regulations of CDP 2015 (ref. UDD 105MNJ 2008 dated March 20, 2015), BBMP has classified these Circles as a residential main zone where no commercial activity of whatsoever nature shall be allowed, especially since the road width is less than 40 feet. This amendment was a direct outcome of orders of the High Court of Karnataka in WP Nos. 3676/2008 in Citizens Action Forum & Others vs State of Karnataka & Others dated February 19, 2014, said the residents.

A resident from Outer Circle said, "Non-compliance with the amended zoning regulations is a violation of the law and goes against undertakings given in the High Court by BBMP and other government agencies. Furthermore, the BBMP commissioner had also issued a public notice to stop or close commercial activities in residential zones."

"The main residential areas have a road width of less than 40 feet, and no commercial or non-residential activity is permitted here – a resident

Furthermore, a resident on condition of anonymity said, "These areas have a road width of less than 40 feet, and no commercial or non-residential activity is permitted here. However, several commercial and non-residential activities operate in these residential main areas in blatant violation of the zoning regulations, the High Court order, and the public notice issued by the BBMP commissioner." The residents disclosed that these violations have been brought to the notice of BBMP officials, including the Nodal Officer and Ward Engineer, during Ward Committee meetings and have even been noted in the minutes of the meeting during March, but no action is being taken by them.

A resident said, "A few years ago, a school had come up in the locality, and we had opposed it. BBMP did not take any action despite complaining. Then we had to approach the court, and the school stopped functioning and was shut down following the court's order. We are now facing the same issue with a preschool coming up. While we have brought up the issue and reported it to BBMP in March, no action is being taken, and now when we are following up, they are stating it's election code of conduct. If one starts to commercialise, we will see more such commercial activities taking place, which needs to be stopped."

The resident added, "BBMP is obligated to take "suo moto" action against such violations to enforce primacy of law. However, despite several complaints, BBMP is not enforcing their own zoning regulations and also not following the directions of the High Court and the BBMP commissioner."

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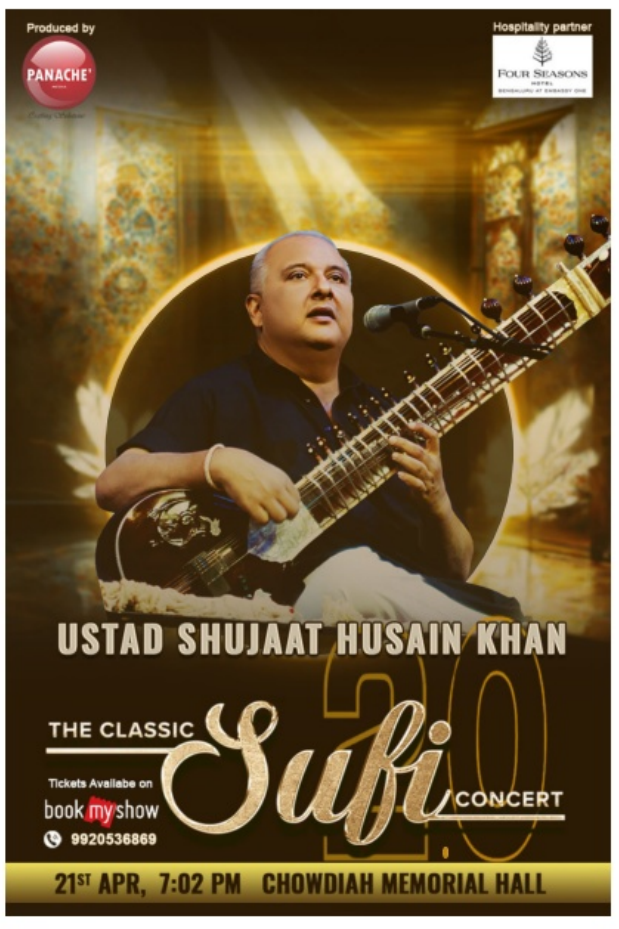

Taste of the city

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roadside eateries by establishing food courts for them to enable them to sell food items in a hygienic setting. Rao wrote a letter on April 6, 2024 to the state chief secretary, BBMP chief commissioner and other authorities emphasising the need of regulating roadside eateries in the city. "There are more than 30,000 roadside eateries in the city. They are not preparing food as per the court's direction. Recently some children fell ill after eating panipuri from a roadside vendor. Unhygienic atmosphere prevails at most of the roadside eateries. I want the authorities to shut down such roadside eateries in the interest of public health. The authorities have to provide alternative options for their livelihood by establishing food courts," Rao stated in the letter.

Meanwhile, Federation of Karnataka State Street Vendors' Associations president and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee Street Vendors' Cell State President CE Rangaswamy said that most of the vendors maintaining roadside eateries have been maintaining hygiene.

"I played a key role in having people who are maintaining roadside eateries trained by the government. Around 10,000 of such street vendors have availed training in maintaining roadside eateries. The government spent Rs 3,425 on each of the 10,000 people towards the training," said Rangaswamy. Opposing the BBHA president's proposal to have food courts for the street vendors who operate roadside eateries, Rangaswamy said the proposal to establish food courts has to be discussed and approved by the Town Vending Committee (TVC).

"We oppose the proposal by the BBHA president and also refute the allegation of unhygienic atmosphere in roadside eateries. Many of the roadside eateries are better than a few hotels in the city," he said.

He said he would agree with the unhygienic atmosphere at roadside panipuri stalls. "Some people from north Indian states are operating roadside stalls to sell panipuri and other items. They do not maintain cleanliness. We are not issuing ID cards for such vendors," he said, adding that 2.5 lakh registered street vendors are in Bengaluru selling a variety of goods and food items while the number of street vendors across the state is 5.60 lakh.

Condemning the BBHA president for writing a letter to regulate roadside eateries, Prakash, who has been selling panipuri for 15 years near Rajajinagar metro station, said that he wants the BBHA president to visit his panipuri stall to experience the clean surroundings of his panipuri stall. Shankare Gowda, who has been selling dosas for 10 years near Rajajinagar metro station, said a ban on roadside eateries would be a bane for thousands of people dependent on roadside eateries for livelihood.

"We are a family of five. All of us are depending on this business. It will be tough for us to make ends meet if the BBMP authorities shut down our eatery," Gowda said.

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queens, the beautifully painted silk route and sea routes, a small comic book on life in the Vedic period, an Arab dhow, Bactrian horses lost in the Himalayas and many more small and big elements added to the visual appeal of the exhibits. Sumedha Rao, Program Manager PPP Model, Government Higher Primary School said they were thankful to Gitanjali and Shabari for volunteering their time to work with the students.

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Parkinson's disease: A global challenge explained

Parkinson's disease, a progressive neurological disorder affecting millions worldwide, continues to present a formidable challenge as there is still no known cure for this debilitating condition.

Despite significant strides in treatment, individuals living with Parkinson's are confronted with its enduring impact on their health and overall well-being. Regrettably, Parkinson's disease stands out as the world's fastest-growing brain disorder, ranking as the second most prevalent neurological condition with an estimated 10 million affected individuals globally, according to worldparkinsonsday.com.

"The numbers tell a stark story of Parkinson's pervasive reach and its escalating burden. From 1990 to 2015, the prevalence of Parkinson's doubled, surging past 6 million cases. Projections indicate an impending twofold increase to over 12 million cases by 2040, and possibly soaring to over 17 million, driven by factors such as aging populations, increasing longevity, declining smoking rates, and the effects of industrialization.

Rare disorder

Dr. Michael Okun, co-director of the Center for Movement Disorders and Neurorestoration at the University of Florida, emphasizes the gravity of this situation, stating, "For most of human history, Parkinson's has been a rare disorder. However, demography and the by-products of industrialization have now created a Parkinson pandemic that will require heightened activism, planning, and novel approaches," the portal reveals.

The portal further added that a pivotal book titled "Ending Parkinson's Disease: A Prescription for Action" characterises Parkinson's as a man-made pandemic, drawing attention to the parallels with infectious pandemics caused by viruses or bacteria. This designation underscores the complex interplay of urbanization, aging populations, globalization, and the proliferation of unhealthy products like fast food, all contributing to Parkinson's pervasive spread across the globe.

> **"Parkinson's is not limited to motor symptoms but extends to 40+ manifestations, such as pain, gut health, sleep issues, mood disturbances**

"Contrary to misconceptions, Parkinson's does not discriminate based on gender, ethnicity, age, or geographical location. It can affect anyone, with approximately 10 to 20 percent experiencing symptoms before the age of 50.

The emergence of "young onset" Parkinson's underscores the need for tailored interventions and deeper research into its causes and impacts across diverse demographics. Parkinson's is not limited to motor symptoms but extends to over 40 potential manifestations, encompassing mood disturbances, sleep disruptions, pain, gut health issues, and constipation.

These diverse symptoms, often invisible to outsiders, compound the challenges faced by individuals with Parkinson's, amplifying feelings of isolation and distress.

Moreover, the stigma and discrimination associated with Parkinson's exacerbate the plight of those living with the disease. Economic disparities, employment hurdles, and social biases further compound the challenges faced by individuals with Parkinson's, necessitating greater awareness and support from communities and policymakers alike," it says.

Worldparkinsonsday.com further informs that the cornerstone of Parkinson's treatment, levodopa, first introduced in the 1960s, remains a pivotal breakthrough in alleviating symptoms.

Advocacy efforts

However, ongoing advocacy efforts are imperative to address emerging challenges, including the link between certain chemicals and Parkinson's risk. Paraquat, Trichlorethylene (TCE), and Chlorpyrifos are among the toxins identified as escalating Parkinson's risk. Despite bans in numerous countries, these chemicals continue to pose significant threats, necessitating robust regulatory actions and public awareness campaigns.

"Recent studies highlight the escalating incidence rates of Parkinson's, with varying rates observed globally. In the United States, the incidence rate surpasses previous estimates by 50%, with 90,000 new diagnoses annually. Regional disparities are evident, with Canada reporting varying rates across provinces, and Europe exhibiting lower incidence rates compared to North America.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has recognized Parkinson's as a pressing public health concern, urging comprehensive approaches to address treatment gaps, particularly in low- and middle-income countries (LMIC).

ADVERTORIAL

World Parkinson's Day: Illuminating Awareness and Hope

Every April 11th, the world comes together to observe World Parkinson's Day, a poignant reminder of the challenges faced by nearly 10 million people worldwide living with the condition. Named after the pioneering British physician James Parkinson, who first documented its symptoms in 1817, this neurodegenerative disorder profoundly impacts individuals, families, and society at large. As the second most rapidly growing neurodegenerative brain disease globally, Parkinson's exacts a heavy toll, resulting in progressive disability and imposing substantial economic burdens.

Parkinson's disease is characterized by the gradual degeneration of dopamine-producing neurons in the brain. This loss of neurons disrupts the brain's intricate network responsible for coordinating movement, leading to a myriad of symptoms. While ageing remains the primary risk factor, environmental factors such as exposure to pesticides and chemicals also play a role in its development. As the elderly population grows, it is anticipated that Parkinson's cases will multiply substantially by 2040. While typically diagnosed around age 60, a small percentage of patients are identified at a younger age, with the number of affected individuals rising as age advances, often until around 85 years old. Men are twice as likely to be affected as women, further highlighting the complex interplay of genetic and environmental factors.

Parkinson's symptoms may go unnoticed for several years before an official diagnosis is made, as the disease evolves and progresses slowly. Typically, symptoms manifest when dopamine secretion decreases by over 50%. In some cases, signs may emerge years before the typical symptoms of Parkinson's, such as chronic constipation, smell disorders, and sleep abnormalities.

Parkinson's disease often manifests initially with tremors, commonly affecting the hands but occasionally observed in the lips and toes, followed by rigidity, making movement difficult, and bradykinesia, leading to slowed bodily actions and cognitive processes, often mistaken for signs of ageing. Additionally, postural instability may cause balance issues and falls. These symptoms progress gradually, often accompanied by forgetfulness, reduced speech volume, altered sleep patterns, and changes in walking style and posture, significantly impacting the patient's quality of life.

Diagnosis primarily relies on clinical evaluation, sometimes supplemented by DAT or MRI scans, as other brain disorders can mimic Parkinson's. While a permanent cure remains elusive, treatment focuses on managing symptoms and improving patient well-being. Medications such as Levodopa are commonly prescribed initially, though their efficacy may diminish over time, accompanied by side effects. For those with inadequate drug response or troublesome side effects, surgical options like Deep Brain Stimulation provide relief. Complementary therapies, including regular exercise, balanced nutrition, and caregiver support, play a crucial role in holistic disease management.

In conclusion, World Parkinson's Day serves as a beacon of hope, rallying individuals, healthcare professionals, and communities worldwide to unite in the fight against Parkinson's disease. By increasing awareness, promoting early detection, and advancing research efforts, we can strive towards a future where Parkinson's no longer imposes barriers to living life to the fullest. Together, let us shine a light on awareness and ignite hope for a brighter tomorrow for those living with Parkinson's disease.

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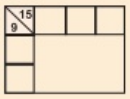
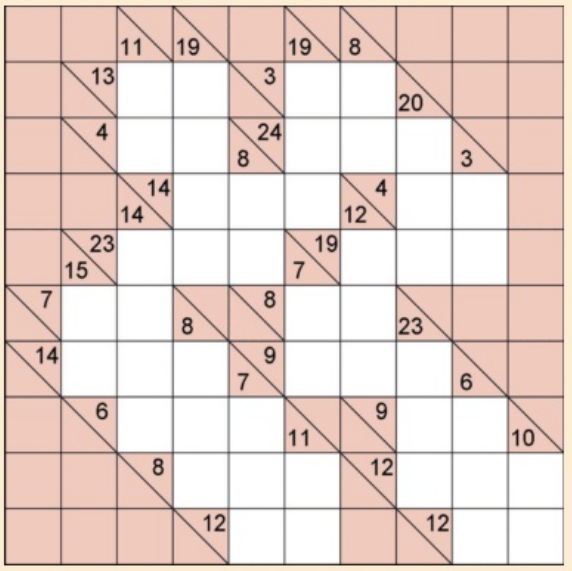
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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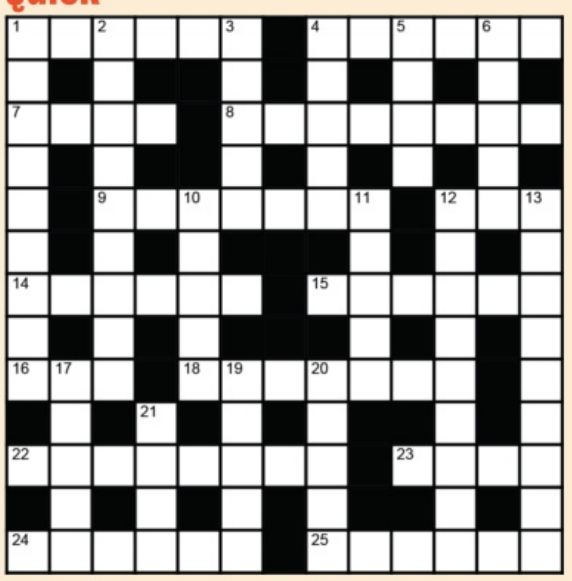


ACROSS

1 Winged celestial beings (6)
4 Prolonged shrill sound or cry (6)
7 Tributary of Ganges (4)
8 Serbian tennis star Novak ____ (8)
9 Fine-tunes (7)
12 Arab market (3)
14 Worked hard (6)
15 In abundance (6)
16 Electrically charged atom (3)
18 Binds as a bandage (7)
22 Word picture (8)
23 Explosive device (4)
24 __ __ street : other end of a "No-entry street"? (3-3)
25 Consternation (6)

DOWN

1 River that crosses paths with the South Pennar river at Nandi Hills (9)
2 Period of pregnancy (9)
3 Hindu ascetic (5)
4 Animal's nose (5)
5 Atop or over (4)
6 Farewell (5)
10 Mocks or scoffs at (5)
11 Cut dramatically (5)
12 Very cold weather disturbance (9)
13 Don't allow to come close, in a way? (4,2,3)
17 The hunter in the sky? (5)
19 Cleverly humorous (5)
20 A general tendency (5)
21 Discern, be aware of (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Q EQUALS H

SQHAHPHF Y WVGOVF GYAAVO WV IVVW, QH JXNO EH MHBO KFVJ WVLAI QYFJ.

Linemaro

My friend thinks you're kinda cute, but I don't... I think you're absolutely gorgeous

Mindchow

Be grateful for what you have and stop complaining - it bores everybody else, does you no good, and doesn't solve any problems

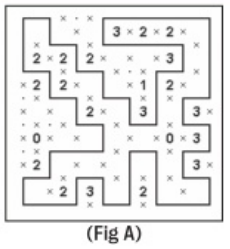
Joke of the day

Nothing will dispel enthusiasm like a small admission fee

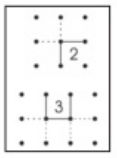
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

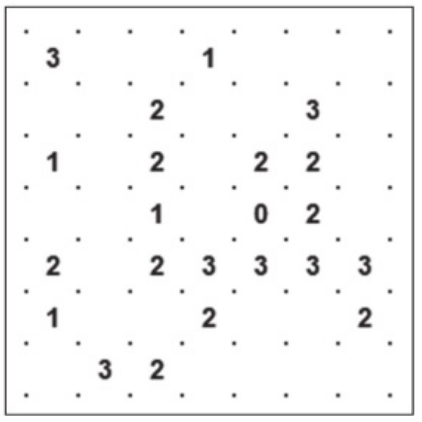


(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



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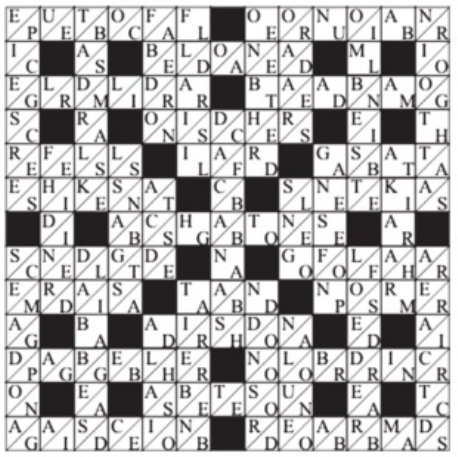
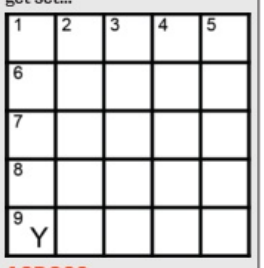


This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Mg SOS; 6 At arc; 7 A Lyra; 8 Enter; 9 Shy go

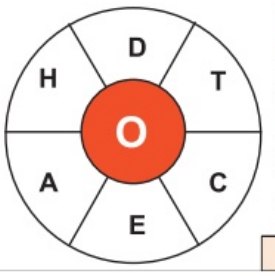
DOWN

1 As Cry; 2 Amole; 3 Organ; 4 R ghat; 5 St yes

Mensapuzzle

What comes next in the above sequence?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

08 Average; **09** Good; **11** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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9		7	4					8
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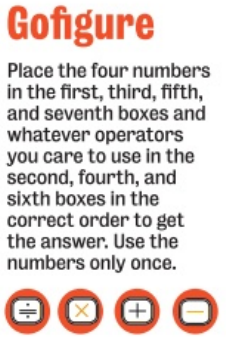
		2	3	5	1	7		
	4	1		2				
	1			8	5			
4					7	1		5
	3						2	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 9

2 4 6 9

Medium = 40

2 5 7 9

Hard = 27

1 9 9 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

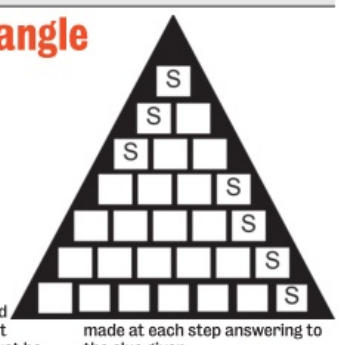
Differences: 1. Shade is raised. 2. Picture frame is wider. 3. Man's pillow is behind woman's pillow. 4. Mattress is thicker. 5. Headboard is higher. 6. Woman's hair is covering her ear.

Riddler

Starting with I, add a letter and shuffle to make a new word each time until you reach PARASITE.

Alpha triangle

1 Sulphur symbol
2 South East, abbr.
3 Become firm
4 Fastens a knot
5 Food regimens
6 Believers in God
7 Refrains



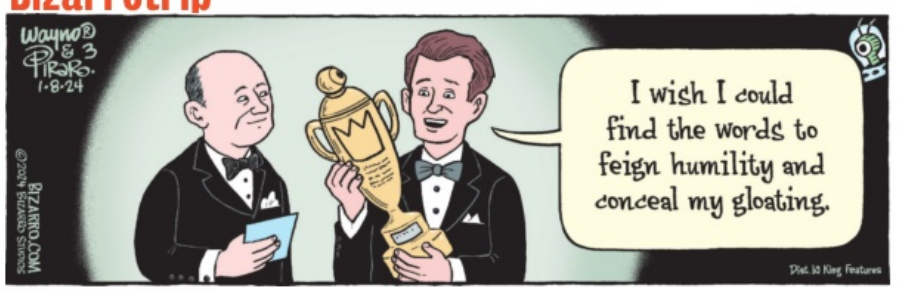
Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye

Bizarrotrip


Wayno & Piraro 1-8-24
I wish I could find the words to feign humility and conceal my gloating.
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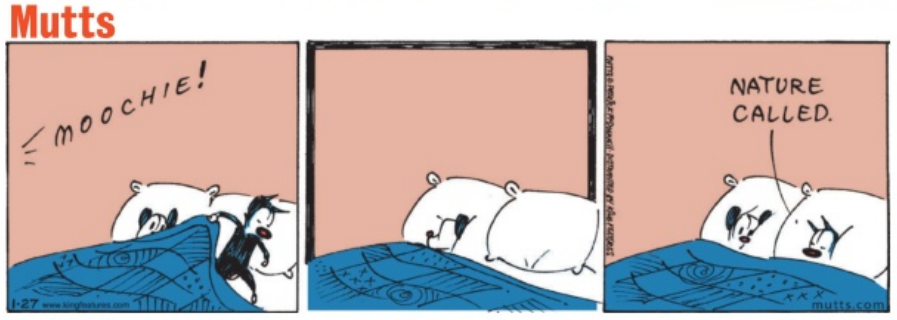
Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

WHAT DID I DO? WHY DO YOU HATE ME?
OH, I HAVE PLENTY OF REASONS! LET'S START WITH THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.
WE'RE NEVER FINISHING THIS PROJECT.

Crankshaft

Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be happy and you may spread happiness around you. You may feel harmony in domestic life and you may enjoy some romantic moments with your spouse. Your family may help you in making important professional decisions. You may expect some new ventures or partnerships in the business or work.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, a positive moon may make you happy. You can use your patience at every stage. Your performance may be good on the job, and you may get some incentives in terms of rewards. Health-related issues among family members will be resolved now. Job seekers are likely to find a suitable job in their domain. Lovebirds may enjoy their dating times.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may have fixed results. It is advised to not expect more from anyone around you as it may make you disappointed. You may also have self-exploration and self-analysis, which may allow you to filter yourself. After the filtration process, you may feel confident and be ready to accept the challenges around you.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, dissatisfaction may make you upset. You may not be able to enjoy every single moment. You may have a lack of patience, which may affect your way of working and you may end up making some silly mistakes. You may also visit some religious places to seek peace. You are advised to practice meditation or yoga.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon and your destiny is likely to be with you. You may be more energetic and focused on your work. Your hard work may pay off in terms of success. Your colleagues may be able to help you. You are likely to go on short work-related trips. Some good news may come from your sibling/s.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be busy with family matters and you may take some important steps on the domestic front. You should avoid making arguments about personal life matters, as your arrogance may affect domestic harmony. By late evening, things may be under control. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in the business.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may feel peace in your mind as messy situations are now under control. You may be able to make a proper balance between expenditures and earnings, which may increase your financial health. You are advised to avoid too much travel or overworking as it may affect your health. Students can start planning for their future. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may face health issues; sleeplessness from the previous night may have made you mentally tired. You may not be focused on your routine work. You may feel lazy, which may affect your commitments. It is advised to avoid rush-hour driving and adventure tours. You are also advised to avoid spending money on worthless stuff.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be busy with social get-togethers; you may also meet some old friends; and your network might be strong, which may give you benefits in the near future on the work front. Natives related to export and import, glamour, and artefacts may perform better. Students are likely to perform better today in terms of study. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may have good support from your family members. You may also have some expansion in your family business during these days, which will increase the social status of your family. You may also plan to expand your family in terms of a new child, which may improve bonding between family members. Students may apply for some scholarships for higher studies.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be more spiritual, your destiny may be with you, and you may expect good returns on your past investments. Bonding with your boss is likely to improve, which may give you benefits in terms of promotions. You may also hear some good news from your sibling/s. You are advised to control your harsh speaking in love and personal life as it may affect them.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be a victim of sleeplessness, which may make you lazy. You may also become careless, which may affect your inner strength negatively. You are likely to be nervous at work, which may affect your running project. You are advised to avoid making investments in dead stuff. You may expect a bad digestive system. so you are advised to avoid spicy food. You should avoid rush-hour driving.

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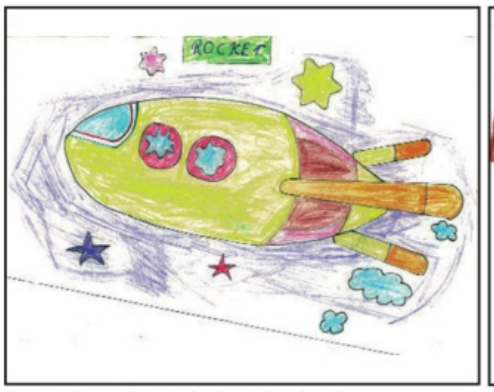

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
= (√5 x √45) / 1/(5/3)
= (√5 x 3√5) / (3/5)
= (3x5) x (5/3)
= 5 x 5
= 25

BULL'S EYE
CATHODE, coat, coated, coda, code, dote, echo, oath, taco, toad, toed

STRIKE OUT

P	U	T	O	F	F	E	O	N	I	A	N	E		
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FAST FIVE

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C	A	R	A	T
A	L	A	R	Y
R	E	N	T	E
Y	O	G	H	S

RIDDLER
One solution is: I, PI, RIP, TRIP, TAPIR, PIRATE, PARTIES, PARASITE

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ANGELS SQUEAL
OPTED
NEW
RED
ORE
VIGNETTE BOOMB
RAT
IONS WATHES
HOT
ADJUST
KOSI DJOKOVIC
RE A NP D
ONEWAY DISMAY

MENSA PUZZLE
E: the second five symbols are a mirror image of the first five symbols.

QUOTE UNCODE
Whenever a doctor cannot do good, he must be kept from doing harm.

SUDOKU

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4	9	8	2	3	7	1	6	5
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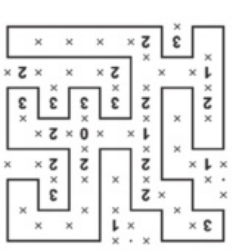
1	5	3	6	9	8	2	4	7
9	2	7	4	1	3	6	5	8
6	8	4	5	7	2	9	3	1

ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, SE, Set, Tles, Diets, Deists, Desists.

GO FIGURE
2 + 9 + 4 – 6 = 9
Easy
9 x 5 + 2 – 7 = 40
Medium
9 x 4 – 9 x 1 = 27
Hard

LOOP



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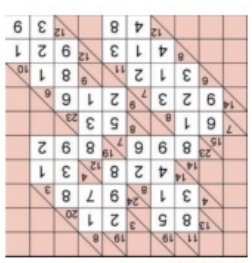

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ROMANCE IN THE AIR

National Award-winning actress Vidya Balan is all gung-ho about love stories and rom-coms, as she loves romance and says that she is a romantic at heart.

Vidya is all pumped up for the release of her upcoming film 'Do Aur Do Pyaar', which talks about a "cheating" married couple falling in love with each other once again after indulging in an extramarital affair.

"Everyone loves a dollop of romance, and everyone loves to have a good time to laugh. And everyone either yearns to be in a relationship or is in a relationship, or is mourning a relationship. The relationship is fascinating. Especially romantic relationships. I think it is a relatable genre," she told IANS, when asked what makes the rom-com genre so popular.

Vidya added: "Comedy is my favourite genre, but given that I love rom-coms because I love romance and I am a romantic at heart."

The actress revealed the secret behind the popularity of the genre. Vidya said: "It gives you the opportunity to laugh at this couple, who you realise could have been you in any rom-com. It is easy on the eyes, it is fun, filled with laughter, and then there is lovely music and colour."

"Love makes the world go round and round. That's what makes it a favourite genre," added the actress, who stepped into the world of showbiz in 1995. However, there is a dearth of love stories, and she agrees. "We have not seen a love story in a long time. Even rom-com as a genre, after 'Shaadi Ke Side Effects' in 2014, I can't remember any film that was a rom-com. Enough of us for taking us so seriously, it's time to have fun," said the actress.

Discussing how the film happened, the actress said she heard the idea from producer Swati Iyer. "I had done 'Tumhari Sulu' with them and I said I loved the idea. This situation is so unbelievable... Shirsha Guha Thakurta (director) and Suprotim Sengupta (writer) worked together in the lockdown on the script and got it to a place where, when I read it, I said, 'Wow, this has done justice to the idea'."

— IANS

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Daali's new movie

Good news for Daali Dhananjaya's fans. Dhananjaya, who is affectionately called as Nata Bhayankara by his hard-core fans, is acting in a Kannada movie after a gap of one year. The title of the movie is Kotee. Journalist Paramesh Gundkal debuts as a director in Sandalwood with Kotee.

As of now, the title of the movie and name of the hero is revealed and the details of the cast and crew are expected to be announced shortly. The poster of the movie shows Dhananjaya's face partially covered with Rs 500 currency notes indicating that the movie is about a common man with big dreams.

Dhananjaya has already hinted that this film might delve into the emotions of an ordinary man striving to realise his dreams.

Paramesh Gundkal has penned the story, screenplay, and dialogues for this movie. Jyoti Deshpande of Jio Studios is bankrolling this movie. Vasuki Vaibhav has scored music while Nobin Paul composed the background music for Kotee.

Magical tale

The trailer of upcoming composite animated mythological movie 'Luv You Shankar', starring Shreyas Talpade and Tanisha Mukerji, was released recently. The movie is scheduled for release in four languages – Hindi, Kannada, Tamil, and Telugu – on April 19.

The movie is expected to weave a magical story of faith, friendship, and adventure. It is directed by Rajiv S Ruia, bankrolled by Sunita Desai from SD World Films Production and also stars Abhimanyu Singh, Sanjay Mishra, Hemant Pandey and Mann Gandhi.

Set against the backdrop of the sacred city of Banaras, the movie revolves around the endearing bond between an eight-year-old boy and Lord Shiva. Shreyas Talpade said that being part of 'Luv You Shankar' was amazing. "This kind of film really can touch the hearts of moviegoers which makes it even more special," he said. Tanisha Mukerji said she loved being a part of the movie. "It is a beautiful tale that makes audiences believe in something bigger. Our adorable little lord Shiva will definitely make the audiences smile," she said.

Rajiv S Ruia said he wanted to bring joy and inspiration to the audiences with this film.

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